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Generation of Jobs
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the jobs are becoming extint as a result of changes in technology, Digital Platform and expansion of internet;

(b) if so, the details of the strategies adopted to generate more job;

(c) whether the workers in many areas are being displaced due to indiscriminate adoption of new technology; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office. (DR. JITENDRA SINGH)
(a) to (d): The direct employment in Information Technology (IT) and IT Enable Services (ITES) sector has increased from 34.8 Lakh in 2014-15 to reach 36.8 Lakh in year 2015-16 with a net addition of about 2.0 Lakh employees.

Government has taken various steps for generating employment in the country like encouraging private sector economy, fast tracking various projects involving substantial investment and increasing public expenditure on schemes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) run by Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojna (DDU-GKY) scheme run by Ministry of Rural Development and Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) run by Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation.

Further, according to National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), the Indian IT-ITES will continue to create jobs. The Indian IT-ITES industry continues to be a net hirer and provides on the job training. The technology automation has not replaced labour, but improved productivity and provided workers the time to focus on other tasks involving complex decision making and social interactions. Rather, the adoption of new technology has created jobs, increased productivity, raised earnings, and increased the demand for skilled labour.

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